

*Soviet Radio says **Jesuits**
seek still more influence*

MOSCOW (RNS) -- Soviet Radio broadcast a lengthy attack on the **Jesuits**, charging that its recent meeting in Rome was not only to elect a new general, but to increase their influence inside and outside the Catholic Church.

"The **Jesuits** are now mainly concerned with how to extend their influence still further," the station said. "They want to adapt themselves by every possible means to the changing world situation and it is precisely that ability of the **Jesuits** that makes them especially dangerous."

The communist attack apparently was a

reaction to Pope Paul's entrusting to the Jesuit society the "specific task of tackling atheism with all the weapons in its possession."

Pope Paul branded atheism as a "problem of outstanding importance," and said the **Jesuits** had been chosen to fight atheism "by the Church and by the Sovereign Pontiff."

The Russian broadcast asked: "Why then have these sinister men in black cassocks come to Rome from all parts of the world?"

The broadcast spoke of the "great power wielded by the **Jesuits** since their order was recognized by the Vatican.

"They have known how, by hook or crook, to find a common language with the governments of the biggest powers of the West. They have represented a sort of state within a state. They are the secret tool of the Vatican."

Soviet Radio then recounted various Jesuit activities to "justify" its charges of blackmail and bribery against the order.

It said the "most powerful and influential branch of the order is now the one in the U.S. They have penetrated even into scientific circles.

"In France, too, **Jesuits** are trained as chemists, physicists, mathematicians and engineers."

Referring to the new Jesuit General as the "Black Pope," the broadcast said that "it is generally known that this person has no less influence than the 'White Pope' who is the Pope of Rome."

The Jesuits order's spiritual leader is traditionally called the "Black Pope" because of the simple black robes worn by members around the world.

The station concluded by asserting that "history will mock the **Jesuits** again as it has already done more than once in the past."